

COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: August 15th, 2012/4:30-6:30 P.M.

Location: Focus Points Family Resource Center

Attendees*:

Tom Anthony	Sal Anieto	Veronica Rivera	Bettie Cram
Dennis Lovato	Maxine Ichikawa	Nola Miguel	Armondo Perez
Bertha Portales	Thad Tecza	Gilbert Vasquez	Jim Daves
Frank Sullivan	Donald Barvinski	Julia Coronado	Jenn Hughes
A. Elizabeth	Don Callarman	Maria C. Herrera	Kristi Douglas
Jim Schneck	Helen Bushnell		

**Due to the informal nature of the meeting, attendees may have participated in the meeting without signing in.*

I. INTRODUCTION

The I-70 East environmental impact statement (EIS) project team conducted a community leaders coordination meeting on June 21st, 2012 as part of the on-going community outreach process. The primary purpose of the public meeting was to inform the public of updates to the No-Action and Revised Viaduct South alternatives.

The meeting started at 4:30 pm as an informal meeting with no presentation. The informal style let people arrive at their convenience, get information that interests them, and provide feedback at any time during the meeting by completing a comment sheet or discussing their thoughts and concerns with a project team member. Boards and plots were available to let the public view the current alternatives and progress.

The discussion tables allowed individuals to interact with each other, share their thoughts and opinions, and give them an opportunity to discuss their concerns with a project team member in more details. A Spanish translator was present for members of the Spanish speaking public.

II. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION TABLES

The public meetings included several discussion tables (each facilitated by a project team member). All the discussion tables were open for all topics. Below is a summary of the discussions at these tables.

- Preference on Partial Cover Lowered
 - Resident at 47th and Clayton prefers lowered covered alternative
- Additional comments and suggestions
 - A resident (renting) inquired about CDOT's process for business and residential relocation.
 - Residents asking if their properties will be impacted

- Community activist against freeway widening and pro expansion of public transit
- Possibility of a tour of I-25, T-REX area for Swansea and Elyria community members (supported by Focus Points transportation)
- Concerned with property owners stuck and unable to sell property or find tenants
- Concerned about odors in neighborhood, from Purina
- Commerce City Councilman Steve Douglas- vehemently against re-route, concerned with impacts from traffic impacts along 270 during construction
- Tax base and property values could increase with improvement to neighborhood from lowered covered alternative.